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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Plug-and-Socket Connector Element**, the specification of which was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on July 24, 2001 as Application No. 09/911,996.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificates listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent on inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **None**

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed, as follows: **None**

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Priority is claimed on German Patent Application No. 100 36 890.5, filed July 28, 2000, and German Utility Model No. 200 15 602.0, filed September 8, 2000.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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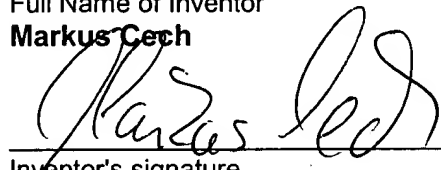
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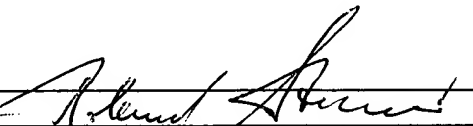
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